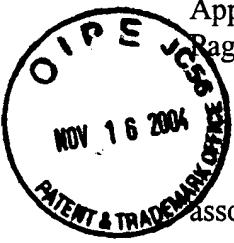


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Respectfully submitted,

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Re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/091,897

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Filed On: March 6, 2002

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Art Unit: 3763

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SUCH A DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 16, 2004**

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a Reply to the Office Action is due on or before November 16, 2004, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.